

$$\text{New Threshold} = \text{Prior Threshold} \times \left\{ 1 + 0.5 \frac{(W_n - W_p)}{W_p} + 0.5 \frac{(E_n - E_p)}{100} \right\}$$

Where:

Prior Threshold = \$6,500 (for rail equipment accidents/incidents that occur during calendar year 1997)

W_n = New average hourly wage rate (\$) = 17.990833

W_p = Prior average hourly wage rate (\$) = 17.55500

E_n = New equipment average PPI value = 135.91666

E_p = Prior equipment average PPI value = 136.76667

9. The result of these calculations is \$6,553. Since the result is rounded to the nearest \$100, the new reporting threshold for rail equipment accidents/incidents that occur during calendar year 1998 is \$6,600.

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Subpart A—General

§ 228.1 Scope.

This part—

(a) Prescribes reporting and record keeping requirements with respect to the hours of service of certain railroad employees; and

(b) Establishes standards and procedures concerning the construction or reconstruction of employee sleeping quarters.

[43 FR 31012, July 19, 1978]

§ 228.3 Application.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), this part applies to all railroads.

(b) This part does not apply to:

(1) A railroad that operates only on track inside an installation which is not part of the general railroad system of transportation; or

(2) Rapid transit operations in an urban area that are not connected with the general railroad system of transportation.

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§ 228.5 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) *Administrator* means the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administrator or any person to whom he delegated authority in the matter concerned.

(b) *Carrier, common carrier, and common carrier engaged in interstate or foreign commerce by railroad mean railroad* as that term is defined below.

(c) *Employee* means an individual employed by the common carrier who (1) is actually engaged in or connected with the movement of any train, including a person who performs the duties of a hostler, (2) dispatches, reports, transmits, receives, or delivers orders pertaining to train movements by the

use of telegraph, telephone, radio, or any other electrical or mechanical device, or (3) is engaged in installing, repairing or maintaining signal systems.

(d) *Railroad* means all forms of non-highway ground transportation that run on rails or electromagnetic guideways, including (1) commuter or other short-haul rail passenger service in a metropolitan or suburban area, and (2) high speed ground transportation systems that connect metropolitan areas, without regard to whether they use new technologies not associated with traditional railroads. Such term does not include rapid transit operations within an urban area that are not connected to the general railroad system of transportation.

[54 FR 33229, Aug. 14, 1989]

Subpart B—Records and Reporting

§ 228.7 Hours of duty.

(a) For purposes of this part, time on duty of an employee actually engaged in or connected with the movement of any train, including a hostler, begins when he reports for duty and ends when he is finally released from duty, and includes—

- (1) Time engaged in or connected with the movement of any train;
- (2) Any interim period available for rest at a location that is not a designated terminal;
- (3) Any interim period of less than 4 hours available for rest at a designated terminal;
- (4) Time spent in deadhead transportation en route to a duty assignment; and
- (5) Time engaged in any other service for the carrier.

Time spent in deadhead transportation by an employee returning from duty to his point of final release may not be counted in computing time off duty or time on duty.

(b) For purposes of this part, time on duty of an employee who dispatches, reports, transmits, receives, or delivers orders pertaining to train movements by use of telegraph, telephone, radio, or any other electrical or mechanical device includes all time on duty in other service performed for the com-

mon carrier during the 24-hour period involved.

(c) For purposes of this part, time on duty of an employee who is engaged in installing, repairing or maintaining signal systems includes all time on duty in other service performed for a common carrier during the 24-hour period involved.

[37 FR 12234, June 21, 1972, as amended at 43 FR 3124, Jan. 23, 1978]

§ 228.9 Railroad records; general.

(a) Records maintained under this part shall be—

- (1) Signed by the employee whose time on duty is being recorded or, in the case of train and engine crews, signed by the ranking crew member;
- (2) Retained for 2 years; and
- (3) Available for inspection and copying by the Administrator during regular business hours.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 228.11 Hours of duty records.

(a) Each carrier shall keep a record of the following information concerning the hours of duty of each employee:

- (1) Identification of employee.
- (2) Place, date, and beginning and ending times for hours of duty in each occupation.
- (3) Total time on duty in all occupations.
- (4) Number of consecutive hours off duty prior to going on duty.
- (5) Beginning and ending times of periods spent in transportation, other than personal commuting, to or from a duty assignment and mode of transportation (train, track car, carrier motor vehicle, personal automobile, etc.).

(b) [Reserved]

[37 FR 12234, June 21, 1972, as amended at 43 FR 3124, Jan. 23, 1978]

§ 228.17 Dispatcher's record of train movements.

(a) Each carrier shall keep, for each dispatching district, a record of train movements made under the direction and control of a dispatcher who uses telegraph, telephone, radio, or any other electrical or mechanical device to dispatch, report, transmit, receive, or deliver orders pertaining to train